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I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Patent No.	Date Issued	Title
5,211,984 to WILSON	May 18, 1993	Membrane catalyst layer for fuel cells
5,723,173 to FUKUOKA, <i>et al.</i>	March 3, 1998	Method for manufacturing solid polymer electrolyte fuel cell
5,767,036 to FREUND, <i>et al.</i>	June 16, 1998	Platinum-Aluminum alloy catalyst for fuel cells and method of its production and use
5,871,552 to TADA	February 16, 1999	Process of preparing electrode for solid polymer electrolyte fuel cell
5,861,222 to FISCHER, <i>et al.</i>	January 19, 1999	Gas diffusion electrode for membrane fuel cells and method of its production
6,309,772 to ZUBER, <i>et al.</i>	October 30, 2001	Membrane-electrode unit for polymer electrolyte fuel cells and processes for their preparation

II. U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATION

Publication No.	Date Issued	Title
US 2002/0034674 A1 to STARZ, <i>et al.</i>	March 21, 2002	Ink for producing membrane electrode assemblies for fuel cells

III. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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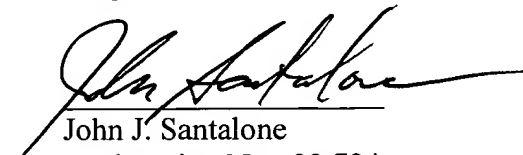
IV. NON PATENT REFERENCES

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Applicants wish to point out to the Examiner that EP 1 176 652 A2 is related to US 2002/0034674 A1, each claiming priority to DE 10037074; DE 19602629 A1 is related to US 5723173, each claiming priority to JP 7-010579, JP 7-010580 and JP 8-001981; EP 0743092 A1 is related to US 5767036, each claiming priority to DE 19517598; US 5861222 relates to and claims priority to DE 19611510 A1; and US 6309772 B relates to and claims priority to DE 19812592 A1.

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